DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC COMMENT

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) seek written and oral comments from interested persons on the development of an Implementation Plan (IP) for the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for fecal coliform bacteria on a 7.3 mile segment of Sheep Creek, 7.5 mile segment on Elk Creek, 20 mile segment on Machine Creek, 27.2 mile segment of Little Otter River in Bedford County, and a 14.8 mile segment on the Big Otter River in Campbell County. TMDLs for the five impaired stream segments was approved by EPA in February 2001 and are available on DEQ's website at http://www.deq.state.va.us/tmdlrpts.html.

? 62.1-44.19:7.C of the Code of Virginia requires the development of an IP for approved TMDLs. The IP should provide measurable goals and the date of expected achievement of water quality objectives. The IP should also include the corrective actions needed and their associated costs, benefits and environmental impacts.

The first public meeting on the development of the IP for the Sheep Creek, Elk Creek, Machine Creek, Little Otter River and Lower Big Otter River fecal coliform bacteria TMDLs will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bedford Welcome Center, located at the intersection of US 460 and US 122 behind the D-Day Memorial.

The public comment period will end on June 19, 2005. A fact sheet on the development of an IP for Sheep Creek, Elk Creek, Machine Creek, Little Otter River and Lower Big Otter River is available upon request. Questions or information requests should be addressed to Theresa Carter. Written comments and inquiries should include the name, address, and telephone number of the person submitting the comments and should be sent to Ms. Theresa Carter, Department of Conservation and Recreation, 252 W. Main Street, Suite 3, Abingdon, Virginia, 24210, telephone (276) 676-5418, Fax (276) 676-5527, or e-mail theresa.carter@dcr.virginia.gov.